

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-19 (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising:

an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer;

first extracting means for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data; a second extracting means for extracting printing date that indicates the date when the document was printed from the first image data; a receiving means for receiving a file transferred by the server computer;

a storage device for storing the file received by the receiving means;

file retrieving means for retrieving a file that has the same location information as the location information extracted from the first image data and was received later than the printing date extracted from the first image data;

data generating means for generating a second image data based on the file retrieved by the file retrieving means;

transfer requesting means for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting means;

second data generating means for generating a third image data based on the file transferred by the server computer in accordance with the transfer request by the transfer requesting means;

a printer for printing images based on image data; and

transmitting means for transmitting the second image data to the printer if the file retrieving means succeeds in retrieving the file, and transmitting the third image data to the printer if the file retrieving means fails in retrieving the file.

21. (Previously Presented) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising:

an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer;

first extracting means for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data; a second extracting means for extracting printing date that indicates the date when the document was printed from the first image data; a receiving means for receiving a file transferred by the server computer;

a storage device for storing the file received by the receiving means;

file retrieving means for retrieving a file that has the same location information as the location information extracted from the first image data and was received later than the printing date extracted from the first image data;

data generating means for generating a second image data based on the file retrieved by the file retrieving means;

transfer requesting means for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting means;

second data generating means for generating a third image data based on the file transferred by the server computer in accordance with the transfer request by the transfer requesting means; and

transmitting means for transmitting the second image data to another device if the file retrieving means succeeds in retrieving the file, and transmitting the third image data to the another device if the file retrieving means fails in retrieving the file.

22. (Previously Presented) A data processing device according to claim 20, wherein the first and second extracting means extract the location information and printing date respectively by applying a character recognition process to character images existing in a certain area of the first image data.

23. (Previously Presented) A data processing device according to claim 20, wherein the location information is a URL.

24. (Original) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising: an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer; a first

extracting means for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data; a second extracting means for extracting printing date that indicates the date when the document was printed from the first image data; a receiving means for receiving a file transferred by the server computer; a storage device for storing the file received by the receiving means; a file retrieving means for retrieving a file that has the same location information as the location information extracted from the first image data and was received later than the printing date extracted from the first image data; a transfer requesting means for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting means; a mode receiving means for receiving an instruction specifying either an image quality prioritizing mode or a speed prioritizing mode; a data generating means for generating a second image data based on the file retrieved by the file retrieving means and further generating a third image data based on the file transferred by the server computer in accordance with the file transfer request by the transfer requesting means; a first transmitting means for transmitting, in the image quality prioritizing mode, the second image data to a specific destination if the file retrieval means succeeds in retrieving the file, while transmitting the third image data to the specific destination if the file retrieval means fails to retrieve the file; and a second transmitting means for transmitting, in the speed prioritizing mode, the second image data to the specific destination if the file retrieval means succeeds in retrieving the file, while transmitting the first image data to the specific destination if the file retrieval means fails to retrieve the file.

25. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 24, further comprising: a printer for printing images based on image data, wherein the specific destination is the printer.

26. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 24, wherein the specific destination is another device.

27. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 24, wherein the first and second extracting means extract the location information and printing date respectively by applying a character recognition process to character images existing in a certain area of the first image data.

28. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 24, wherein the location information is a URL.

29. (Original) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising: an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer; an extracting means for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data; a transfer requesting means for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting means; a receiving means for receiving a file transferred by the server computer; a data generating means for generating a second image data based on the file received by the receiving means; a judging means for judging whether the document image is an image consisting of reduced multiple pages based on the first image data; and a transmitting means for transmitting the second image data to a specific destination if it is judged by the judging means that the document image is the image consisting of reduced multiple pages, while transmitting the first image data to the specific destination if it is judged that the document image is not the image consisting of reduced multiple pages.

30. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 29, further comprising: a printer for printing images based on image data, wherein the specific destination is the printer.

31. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 29, wherein the specific destination is another device.

32. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 29, wherein the extracting means extracts the location information by applying a character recognition process to character images existing in a certain area of the first image data.

33. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 29, wherein the location information is a URL.

34. (Original) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising: an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer; an extracting means for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data; a transfer requesting means for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting means; a receiving means for receiving a file transferred by the server computer; a data generating means for generating a second image data based on the file received by the receiving means; a judging means for judging whether the document image is a color or monochromatic image based on the first image data; and a transmitting means for transmitting the first image data to a specific destination if it is judged by the judging means that the document image is a color image, while transmitting the second image data to the specific destination if it is judged that the document image is a monochromatic image.

35. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 34, further comprising: a printer for printing images based on image data, wherein the specific destination is the printer.

36. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 34, wherein the specific destination is another device.

37. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 34, wherein the extracting means extract the location information by applying a character recognition process to character images existing in a certain area of the first image data.

38. (Original) A data processing device according to claim 34, wherein the location information is a URL.

39-48 (Canceled)

49. (Previously presented) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising:

- an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer;
- a first extracting unit for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data;
- a second extracting unit for extracting printing date that indicates the date when the document was printed from the first image data;
- a receiving unit for receiving a file transferred by the server computer;
- a storage device for storing the file received by the receiving unit;
- a file retrieving unit for retrieving a file that has the same location information as the location information extracted from the first image data and was received later than the printing date extracted from the first image data;
- a data generating unit for generating a second image data based on the file retrieved by the file retrieving unit;
- a transfer requesting unit for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting unit;
- a second data generating unit for generating a third image data based on the file transferred by the server computer in accordance with the transfer request by the transfer requesting unit;
- a printer for printing images based on image data; and
- a transmitting unit for transmitting the second image data to the printer if the file retrieving unit succeeds in retrieving the file, and transmitting the third image data to the printer if the file retrieving unit fails in retrieving the file.

50. (Previously presented) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising:

- an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer;

a first extracting unit for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data;

a second extracting unit for extracting printing date that indicates the date when the document was printed from the first image data;

a receiving unit for receiving a file transferred by the server computer;

a storage device for storing the file received by the receiving unit;

a file retrieving unit for retrieving a file that has the same location information as the location information extracted from the first image data and was received later than the printing date extracted from the first image data;

a data generating unit for generating a second image data based on the file retrieved by the file retrieving unit;

a transfer requesting unit for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting unit;

a second data generating unit for generating a third image data based on the file transferred by the server computer in accordance with the transfer request by the transfer requesting unit; and

a transmitting unit for transmitting the second image data to another device if the file retrieving unit succeeds in retrieving the file, and transmitting the third image data to the another device if the file retrieving unit fails in retrieving the file.

51. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 49, wherein the first and second extracting units extract the location information and printing date respectively by applying a character recognition process to character images existing in a certain area of the first image data.

52. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 49, wherein the location information is a URL.

53. (Previously presented) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising:

an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer;

a first extracting unit for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data;

a second extracting unit for extracting printing date that indicates the date when the document was printed from the first image data;

a receiving unit for receiving a file transferred by the server computer;

a storage device for storing the file received by the receiving unit;

a file retrieving unit for retrieving a file that has the same location information as the location information extracted from the first image data and was received later than the printing date extracted from the first image data;

a transfer requesting unit for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting unit;

a mode receiving unit for receiving an instruction specifying either an image quality prioritizing mode or a speed prioritizing mode;

a data generating unit for generating a second image data based on the file retrieved by the file retrieving unit and further generating a third image data based on the file transferred by the server computer in accordance with the file transfer request by the transfer requesting unit;

a first transmitting unit for transmitting, in the image quality prioritizing mode, the second image data to a specific destination if the file retrieval unit succeeds in retrieving the file, while transmitting the third image data to the specific destination if the file retrieval unit fails to retrieve the file; and

a second transmitting unit for transmitting, in the speed prioritizing mode, the second image data to the specific destination if the file retrieval unit succeeds in retrieving the file, while transmitting the first image data to the specific destination if the file retrieval unit fails to retrieve the file.

54. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 53, further comprising: a printer for printing images based on image data, wherein the specific destination is the printer.

55. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 53, wherein the specific destination is another device.

56. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 53, wherein the first and second extracting units extract the location information and printing date respectively by applying a character recognition process to character images existing in a certain area of the first image data.

57. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 53, wherein the location information is a URL.

58. (Previously presented) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising:

an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer;

an extracting unit for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data;

a transfer requesting unit for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting unit;

a receiving unit for receiving a file transferred by the server computer;

a data generating unit for generating a second image data based on the file received by the receiving unit;

a judging unit for judging whether the document image is an image consisting of reduced multiple pages based on the first image data; and

a transmitting unit for transmitting the second image data to a specific destination if it is judged by the judging unit that the document image is the image consisting of reduced multiple pages, while transmitting the first image data to the specific destination if it is judged that the document image is not the image consisting of reduced multiple pages.

59. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 58, further comprising: a printer for printing images based on image data, wherein the specific destination is the printer.

60. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 58, wherein the specific destination is another device.

61. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 58, wherein the extracting unit extracts the location information by applying a character recognition process to character images existing in a certain area of the first image data.

62. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 58, wherein the location information is a URL.

63. (Previously presented) A data processing device connected to a server computer via a network comprising:

an image reader for obtaining a first image data by reading a document image, wherein the document is printed based on a file published on the network by the server computer;

an extracting unit for extracting location information that indicates the location of the file from the first image data;

a transfer requesting unit for requesting the server computer to transfer the file based on the location information extracted by the first extracting unit;

a receiving unit for receiving a file transferred by the server computer;

a data generating unit for generating a second image data based on the file received by the receiving unit;

a judging unit for judging whether the document image is a color or monochromatic image based on the first image data; and

a transmitting unit for transmitting the first image data to a specific destination if it is judged by the judging unit that the document image is a color image, while transmitting the second image data to the specific destination if it is judged that the document image is a monochromatic image.

64. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 63, further comprising: a printer for printing images based on image data, wherein the specific destination is the printer.

65. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 63, wherein the specific destination is another device.

66. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 63, wherein the extracting unit extracts the location information by applying a character recognition process to character images existing in a certain area of the first image data.

67. (Previously presented) A data processing device according to claim 63, wherein the location information is a URL.